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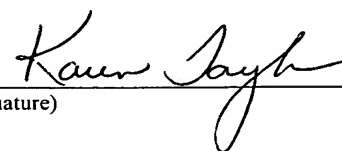
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This statement is filed in the application identified above pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. No representation is intended that a complete search has been made of the prior art or that no better art references than those listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 are available. The filing of this Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

Copies of the fifteen foreign references are enclosed for review by the examiner. In accordance with the notice of July 11, 2003, signed by the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, the Office has waived the requirement that copies of U.S. patents and published applications be filed in Information Disclosure Statements for patent applications filed after June 30, 2003. Accordingly, no copies of the cited U.S. references are provided.

None of the prior art listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

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